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In re Application of:)
Katsuhiko OYAMA)
Serial No.: 10/649,940) Group Art Unit: 2818
Filed: August 28, 2003) Examiner: Chuong A. Luu
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND) Confirmation No. 6236
MANUFACTURING METHOD)
THEREFOR)

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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (Supplemental IDS) is being filed in addition to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 28, 2003, and is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes a certification as specified by Section 1.97(e).

The documents listed in this Supplemental IDS were first cited in a Notification of Reasons for Rejection ("Notification") from the Japanese Intellectual Property Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Supplemental IDS is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication. Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed foreign patent documents, which are not in English, an English language translation of the Notification citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. A copy of the Notification is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Applicant does not necessarily endorse the conclusions set forth in the Notification.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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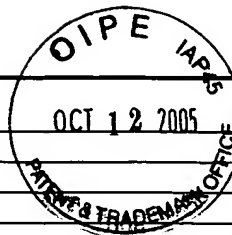
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